

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A docking station for docking and integrating a portable device for use with a car stereo, comprising:

a base portion for receiving a portable device external to a car stereo;

a bottom member connected to the base portion and defining a cavity for receiving a portable device; and

an integration device positioned within the base portion for integrating a portable device with a car stereo,

wherein the docking station is positioned remotely from a car stereo.

2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a top member hingedly connected at an edge to the base portion.

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the base portion comprises a connector for connecting the integration device with the portable device.

4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a cable interconnected at one end to the integration device and at an opposite end to a car stereo.

5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the integration device is wirelessly connected to a car stereo.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the portable device comprises a CD player, CD changer, MP3 player, Digital Audio Broadcast (DAB) receiver, portable video device, or a satellite receiver.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the integration device comprises a circuit board housed in the base portion.

10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the docking station is mountable in a vehicle trunk.

11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the top member is pivotable away from the bottom member to allow access to the portable audio device.

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the integration device is connected to the car stereo using a bus connection.

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the car stereo is an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) or after-market car stereo.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising one or more auxiliary input ports connected to the integration device for integrating additional portable devices external to the docking station.

15. (Previously Presented) A method for docking and integrating a portable device for use with a car stereo, comprising:

providing a docking station having a base portion, a bottom member connected to the base portion, and an integration device housed within the base portion;

inserting a portable device into the docking station and connecting the portable device to a connector on the base portion;

positioning the docking station remotely from a car stereo; and

integrating the portable device with the integration device for use with a car stereo.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising providing a top member connected to the base portion and pivotable away from the bottom member prior to inserting the portable device into the docking station.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising closing the top member to retain the portable device in the docking station.

18. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising interconnecting the integration device with the car stereo with a cable.

19. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising establishing a wireless connection between the integration device and the car stereo.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising integrating a CD player, CD changer, MP3 player, Digital Audio Broadcast (DAB) receiver, a portable video device, or a satellite receiver with the car stereo.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising mounting the docking station in a vehicle trunk.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising connecting the integration device to the car stereo using a bus connection.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising integrating the portable device with an after-market or Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) car stereo.

26. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising connecting an external portable device to an auxiliary input port on the docking station and integrating the external portable device with the car stereo.

27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the docking station is mountable within a vehicle.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising mounting the docking station in a vehicle.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, further comprising mounting the docking station in a vehicle trunk.

30. (Previously Presented) A docking station for docking and integrating a portable device for use with a car stereo, comprising:

a base portion for receiving a portable device external to a car stereo;

a bottom member connected to the base portion and defining a cavity for receiving a portable device; and

an integration device connected to the base portion and in electrical communication with a car stereo and a portable device for integrating a portable device with a car stereo,

wherein the docking station is positioned remotely from the car stereo.

31. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 30, further comprising a top member hingedly connected at an edge to the base portion.

32. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the base portion comprises a connector for connecting the integration device with the portable device.

33. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 30, further comprising a cable interconnected at one end to the integration device and at an opposite end to a car stereo.

34. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the integration device is wirelessly connected to a car stereo.

35. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the portable device comprises a CD player, CD changer, MP3 player, Digital Audio Broadcast (DAB) receiver, portable video device, or a satellite receiver.

36. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the integration device comprises a circuit board housed in the base portion.

37. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the docking station is mountable in a vehicle trunk.

38. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the top member is pivotable away from the bottom member to allow access to the portable audio device.

39. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the integration device is connected to the car stereo using a bus connection.

40. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the car stereo is an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) or after-market car stereo.

41. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising one or more auxiliary input ports connected to the integration device for integrating additional portable devices external to the docking station.

42. (New) An audio device integration system, comprising:

an integration device in electrical communication with a portable device, the integration device and portable device external to a car stereo; and

a wireless transmitter in electrical communication with the integration system, the wireless transmitter establishing wireless communication between a wireless receiver at the car stereo and the integration device,

wherein the integration system generates and transmits to the car stereo a device presence signal to maintain the car stereo in an operational state responsive to the portable device, and the integration system transmits audio from the portable device to the car stereo.

43. (New) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein the portable device comprises a CD player, CD changer, MP3 player, Apple iPod portable device, Digital Audio Broadcast (DAB) receiver, portable video device, or a satellite receiver.

44. (New) The apparatus of claim 42, further comprising a bus connection established between the portable device and said interface.

45. (New) The apparatus of claim 44, wherein the bus connection comprises a Universal Serial Bus (USB) connection.

46. (New) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein the wireless transmitter comprises a Bluetooth wireless transmitter in wireless communication with a Bluetooth wireless receiver at the car stereo.

47. (New) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein the integration device receives a control command from the car stereo, processes the control command into a formatted command compatible with the portable device, and transmits the formatted control command to the portable device for execution thereby.

48. (New) The apparatus of claim 47, wherein the portable device is remotely controllable using a control on a steering wheel of a vehicle associated with a car stereo.

49. (New) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein the integration device receives video information from the portable device, processes the video information, and transmits processed video information to the car stereo for displaying on a display associated with the car stereo.